

Big Seed Happenings

Welcome families to the Big Seed room! Here is what you can expect every month in your child's new classroom. Each month we do a curriculum centered on a study that is developmentally age-appropriate with centers and activities that will build skill sets in the five areas of development: physical, language, cognitive, social-emotional and mathematics. Look for our monthly newsletter that will highlight what the children learned and what piqued their curiosity in that month. It will also include a brief overview of what we will be studying the following month. This will include the theme, books, songs and a written description of our American Sign Language (ASL) signs. These signs will be everyday words that will complement our monthly study. Circle time is a great tool to help build bonds between peers and adults. Every art project, every inside/outside activity, the language we use and even the toys we put out is done with the intention of developing your child's mind and body. We look forward to working with you in accomplishing the goals that together we have set for your child.

This September come and "Bust-a-Rhyme" in the Big Seed room with some "oldies-but-goodies" nursery rhymes and maybe even a few new ones. Make sure to take a few minutes to check out your child's art displayed throughout the classroom as we get further into the month.

Thank you and have a fun and safe Labor Day weekend!

Jessica and Erin
See attached bios

Books: *Rain, Rain Go Away; Pete the Cat: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star; and Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*

Signs:

More- Use both hands and on each hand connect the tips of all four fingers to your thumb. Then connect both hand by the finger tips and then separating. Repeat at least two times.

Please- take your hand with fingers extended and all together, and thumb extended and sticking out. Take the hand with palm facing in and rub it in a circle on your chest.

Thank You- touch your fingers to your chin and move that hand out and down into your other hand. It's almost like you are blowing a kiss to someone.

Songs:

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

Row, row, row your boat

Gently down the stream
 Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
 Life is but a dream
 Rock, rock, rock your boat
 Gently to the shore
 If you see a lion
 Don't forget to roar
 ROAR!
 Row, row, row your boat
 Gently down the stream
 If you see a crocodile
 Don't forget to scream
 AHHHHH!
 Rock, rock, rock your boat
 Gently to the shore
 If You see a peacock
 Don't forget to snore
 ZZZZZZZ!
 Row, row, row your boat
 Gently down the stream
 Ha-ha-ha-ha fooled you
 I'm a submarine
 (Motorboat noises)

Baby Bumblebee

I'm bringing home a baby bumblebee
 Won't my mommy be so proud of me
 I'm bringing home a baby bumblebee
 Ouch! It stung me!
 I'm mashing up my baby bumblebee
 Won't my mommy be so proud of me
 I'm mashing up my baby bumblebee
 Ewww! It's all over me!
 I'm wipin' off my baby bumblebee
 Won't my mommy be so proud of me
 I'm wipin' off my baby bumblebee. All clean!

Down, Down Baby

Down, down baby
 Down, down the roller coaster (*make horizontal hand wave*)
 Sweet, sweet baby (*cross both arms over the chest*)
 I'll never let you go (*point to the children*)

Shimmy, shimmy cocoa pop
 Shimmy, shimmy pow
 Shimmy, shimmy cocoa pop
 Shimmy, shimmy pow

Grandma, grandma sick in bed
 She called the doctor and the doctor said

Let's get the rhythm of the head, ding-dong (*rock head side to side once in time with "ding-dong"*)
 Let's get the rhythm of the head, ding-dong (*rock head side to side once in time with "ding-dong"*)
 Let's get the rhythm of the hands (*clap, clap*)
 Let's get the rhythm of the hands (*clap, clap*)
 Let's get the rhythm of the feet (*stomp, stomp*)
 Let's get the rhythm of the feet (*stomp, stomp*)
 Let's get the rhythm of the hot dog (*hands on hips and twirl*)
 Let's get the rhythm of the hot dog (*hands on hips and twirl*)

Put it all together and what do you get?
 Ding-dong
 Clap, Clap
 Stomp, stomp
 Hot dog
 (*Repeat all the motions*)

Few Reminders:

- Growing Tree will be closed Friday September 1ST for our in-service day and Monday September 4th in observance of Labor Day
- If your child is already attending Growing Tree, your child's teacher will move over your child's belongings for you.
- Please make sure your child has the following items:

- Diapers, wipes, creams/ointments (if any you would like us to use)
- Blankets for naptime
- Extra clothes (please put your child initials on clothing tags)
- Please feel free to bring in a pacifier, lovey, etc. anything you think will help your child feel more secure and relaxed in their new environment.

*My name is **Jessica** and I am the head teacher here in the Big Seeds room. I moved to Bend after graduating high school in Bandon, Oregon, where my family grows cranberries. I first came to Growing Tree because my older sister was teaching here and spoke very highly of this amazing school. Growing Tree was my first job ever and after ten years I still love it here. I started out as an aide while I went to school for massage therapy at COCC and shortly after finishing my degree I was offered a full-time position working with the older kids. Since then I have gradually taught younger and younger until February of 2016 I was offered a head teaching position in Big Seeds. I love working with this awesome age group and I'm very excited to begin working with our new Big Seeds and with you, their parents. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in the classroom.*

*My name is **Erin**. I was born in Minneapolis Minnesota on June 6th, 1989 and 9 years later my parents moved us to Brandon, Florida. I have two sisters and am the middle child. My favorite color is purple and I am obsessed with giraffe's. Shortly after I graduated high school I moved to Tampa and had not lived there all that long, when my mom called and asked me to move back to help out with the family. So I moved to Sarasota, Florida to help out. I moved to Bend Oregon on St Patrick's Day of 2016. Moving here was hard but something I have wanted to do since I was a little girl and the first time I saw pictures of Oregon. I have been in early education for about three years, but I have always been very involved with my little sister helping and watching her grow. I started loving this line of work from a young age, from helping my mom with the infants at church to being a junior coach on my sister's cheerleading team. I have a range of experience in all ages. I started working for the YMCA in Florida with 4 to 6 year olds, before finding my way to La Petite Academy. I worked with 2 to 3 year old children, and before I left for Oregon they had made me head teacher of the 1 to 2 year olds. I am happy to be back doing what I love at an amazing place with wonderful children.*

Jan-17

"Bust-a-Rhyme"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 4 CLOSED	 5 Itsy, Bitsy Spiders	 6 Humpty Dumpty	 7 "Cow jumped over the moon"	CLOSED 8 Hickory Dickory Dock Mice
11 Rain, rain go away!	12 I'm a little Teapot	13 Do you know the Muffin Man?	14 The Dish and Spoon	15 Little Bo Peep Sheep
18 Twinkle Little Stars	19 "Up above the world so high"	20 Baby Bumblebees	21 Three Little Pigs	22 Baa, Baa Black Sheep
25 Round and round the mulberry bush	26 Fuzzy Wuzzy Bears	27 Pop! Goes the Weasel!	28 Five Little Pigs	29 Color-in-a-Box

Notes:

This Month's Books:
<i>Rain, Rain Go Away</i>
<i>Pete the Cat: Twinkle Star</i>
<i>Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush</i>
This Month's Songs:
"Row, Row Your Boat"
"Baby Bumblebee"
"Down, Down Baby"
This Month's Signs:
More
Please
Help

Big Seeds